

**LOCKDOWN FAITH**

**JESUS**

**AND THE**

**PASSOVER**



**LESSON #2**

Jesus celebrated this festival every year during His time on earth, and the final meal He had with His disciples was the Passover meal- sometimes we call this the Last Supper. When Jesus broke the bread and lifted up the cup, He was expressing to His disciples that He was the deliverer and redeemer that would break them free from the slavery of sin forever. He would be sacrificed like the Passover lamb was, and His blood would make a way for our own lives to be spared. Because of Him, we are free!

It is the last plague that focuses on the PASSOVER. It involved obeying every instruction in order that the households of the Israelites would remain safe and ALIVE.

Have your family sit on pillows around a low table if possible otherwise use your normal Dining table.

Explain that part of celebrating Passover is eating a meal together called a Seder and that during the Seder, the story of the very first Passover is told.

God made a promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that He would make them a great nation, and through them the world would be blessed. Joseph, Jacob's son, rose to power in Egypt and saved many from a great famine. His family and the people of Israel flourished there. A new pharaoh eventually took the throne and enslaved Israel because he grew fearful of their numbers. God's people were in bondage, endured persecution, oppression, and great evil at the hand of the Pharaohs for 430 years. The sin of the Pharaohs was so evil, it was even required that the Israelites sons be killed immediately after being born. Their cries and prayers were heard by their loving God, and He raised up Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. But Pharaoh's heart was hardened- full of pride- and he refused to let them go. So God sent 9 plagues. The plagues were evidence that God was more powerful than Egypt itself and the gods they worshiped- He was deconstructing their pride and power with each one. However, Pharaoh's sin was so great, he would not relent no matter the severity of the plague. The 10th plague -The death of the first born- was a final blow... there was no escape or hiding except through the sacrifice of a lamb with its blood on the doorpost of their home. This night, the Lord commanded the Israelites to eat a meal as if they were already free and be prepared to leave. They were to eat bread without leaven, and to eat in a posture anticipating departure. They were commanded to observe this night as a festival to remember the Lord's provision forever. When we observe Passover, we eat this meal in remembrance of Him and the deliverance of His people.

Many, many years before Jesus was born, God's people were enslaved in Egypt. They were treated horribly and God was not pleased. God called Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go.

Because Pharaoh was being stubborn and not letting God's people go, God sent several plagues to Egypt.

After 9 different plagues, and Pharaoh was STILL keeping God's people as his slaves, God told Moses what would happen. God told Moses to tell the people to pack to go quickly to get ready to go on a journey. They were to bake some bread without waiting for it to rise, and on a certain night, they were to kill a lamb and roast it. They should take the blood from the lamb and put it on their door post, and this would be the sign that the last plague should not come to that home.

By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story. Passover becomes more than simply a service or a time; it becomes a way to confess faith in the One who has acted on our behalf.

# PREPARING THE SEDER TABLE

## THE PASSOVER TABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Passover is also called the SEDER Meal today. Seder means ORDER. This is because the meal is structured and has a specific set order to follow.

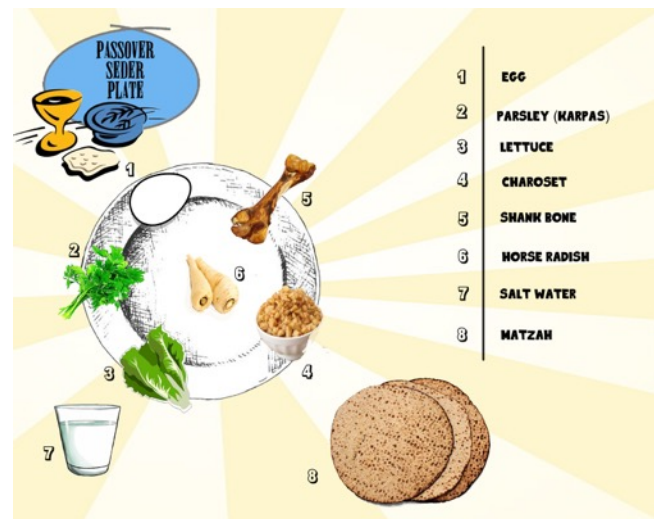
### There are FOUR CUPS

Cup #1 The **Cup of Blessings** (Show the first cup.) "I will take you out..."

Cup #2 The **Cup of Plagues** (Show the second cup.) "I will save you..."

Cup #3 The **Cup of Redemption** (Show the third cup) "I will redeem you..."

Cup #4 The **Cup of Praise (Hallel)** (Show the forth cup) "I will take you as a nation..."



### Boiled Egg

beitzah: "roasted egg," in the Seder meal represents the burnt offerings brought to the Temple during festivals in ancient days; it also symbolizes the cycle of life, the endurance of God's people and the hope for a future.

#### Meaning of the Egg:

Egg With an Eye to the Future

While many of the explanations about the egg have to do with mourning our past, the egg also symbolises our hope and prayer for the future.

When a chicken lays an egg, the egg appears to be a completed object. Yet in truth it isn't complete, and the egg is just a preparation for the live creature that will emerge from it later. So too the Exodus from Egypt, while at first appearing to be an end in itself, in truth **is only a preparation for the Final Redemption, with the coming of Messiah**—may it be speedily in our days!

Traditionally, a brown egg is used on the Seder plate, roasted in an oven until it turns dark.

Vegetarians often use an avocado seed as a substitute for the egg on the Seder plate. While hard boiled eggs are often served as the first course of the Seder meal

### Horseradish

The bitter herbs remind us of the bitter slavery and exile in Egypt.

Use freshly grated horseradish root wrapped in romaine lettuce

### Roasted Lamb Shank Bone

The roasted shank bone of a lamb that is symbolic of the Passover lamb, both the lambs that were killed in Egypt for the first Passover, but also for the sacrificial lambs offered in the Temple to commemorate Passover.

Some Jews understand the bone also to symbolize the arm of God outstretched to help his people in times of trouble

Vegetarians often use beets to replace the shank bone on the seder plate, with the red beets and juice symbolizing the blood of the lamb that was used to mark the door posts of the houses.

**Charoset:**

1 cup chopped apples (2-3 apples)  
1 cup chopped walnuts, almonds, or pistachio  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. honey or to taste

grape juice, wine vinegar, or lemon juice

Derived from the Hebrew word for "clay," a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon, honey, and wine which serves to sweeten the bitter herbs. Because of its appearance, it symbolizes the mud mixed with straw used by the slaves in Egyptian buildings. However, its sweetness symbolizes that the bitterness of slavery is tempered with the hope for a future.

**Karpas:**

The vegetable reminds us of the backbreaking work the Jews did in Egypt. The letters of the Hebrew word karpas can be rearranged to spell perech samech. Perech means backbreaking labor, and samech numerically refers to the number of Jews enslaved in Egypt.

The "green vegetable," garden greens, usually parsley, celery, lettuce, or other leafy green vegetable such as watercress used in the Seder meal. The greens are dipped in a small bowl of salt water, recalling the hyssop dipped for sprinkling on the door posts of Hebrew dwellings in preparation for the Exodus (Exodus 12:22).

The Green parsley represents the sign of life in spring. Even though they are in bondage, God was saying He will bring a new life in amongst their tears.

**Lettuce**

The lettuce symbolizes the bitter enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt. The leaves of romaine lettuce are not bitter, but the stem, when left to grow in the ground, turns hard and bitter.

Likewise, the enslaved in Egypt, at first the deceitful approach of Pharaoh was soft and sensible, and the work was done voluntarily and even for pay. Gradually, it became forced and cruel labour.

The **salt water** represents the bitter tears that the Israelites shed while enslaved for so many years. It is placed in a small bowl next to the Seder plate, and both the karpas (vegetable) and the egg are dipped into it.

**Candles:**

The symbol of God's presence at the ceremony. Usually two single white candles in candlesticks are used.

**NOTE TO PARENTS****What is a Seder?**

The Passover meal is a powerful experience to give children. It honours God by highlighting his power and love for his people. It connects Bible events for children—and because kids know Jesus for who he is, they can see God's plans from the beginning for Jesus to be our Saviour.

Use this simplified Seder with children you are connecting the dots between the Old Testament and the New Testament. You are also showing How Jesus is the WHOLE STORY of the Bible.

Each spring, Jewish people eat a Passover meal called the Seder. It's a reminder that God called Moses to lead their people out of Egypt.

The word **Seder means order because everything you eat and drink at a**

**Passover meal is in a special order.** We won't serve all the Passover dishes because that takes hours.

# SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF PASSOVER MEAL

Have your family seated at the table or on the floor on cushions or pillows with a low table that they can eat from.

**Before the Sun goes down, we light the candles. This is the way Pesach Chag (Passover) is welcomed.**

## The Bracha (Blessing)

This Blessing recognises that the entire world belongs to God, Who created everything, and partaking in His creation without consent would be equal to stealing. We acknowledge that our food comes from God. We recognise God in everything and come close to Him.

A bracha opens a wellspring of blessing that flows down from the heavens to you and your family.

A bracha, therefore, is a key to open the flow of God's blessing into the world.

## OUR SEDER MEAL IS READY TO BEGIN

As you look at your table in front of you, you will see four cups of juice. They stand and Represent for the Four (4) promises that God gave to his special people, the Israelites. **These are the four promises that God gave:**

- I will bring you out of Egypt (**Cup of BLESSING**)
- I will free you from Slavery (**Cup of PLAGUES**)
- I will make you my own people. I will save you by my Hand (**Cup of REDEMPTION**)
- I will be your God. (**Cup of PRAISE**)

You can EITHER have FOUR Cups for each person (Small plastic communion cups will work) or one LARGER cup that will represent ALL Four Cups, allowing each person to take a SIP at the RIGHT Time mentioned below resulting in FOUR Sips being taken through the meal

At each Cup or Sip we should stop and think what God has done for us.

## WE ARE READY FOR THE FIRST CUP.

Please pour the FIRST cup and join in reciting the Blessing (Bracha)

A bracha is a means of recognising the good that God has given to us.



- **Cup of BLESSING:** It **REMINDS US of the PROMISE that GOD** gave: / ***will bring you out of Egypt***

## PRAY THE PRAYER (The Kiddish in English)

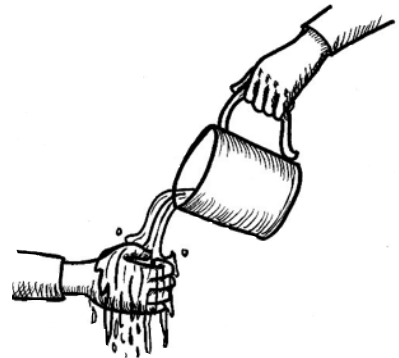
May the great Name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world, which he has created according to his will. May his Kingship be established in your lifetime and in your days, and in the lifetime of the entire household of Israel, swiftly and in the near future; and say, Amen. May his great name be blessed, forever and ever. Blessed, praised, glorified, exalted, extolled, honored, elevated and lauded be the Name of the holy one, Blessed is he – above and beyond any blessings and hymns, Praises and consolations which



are uttered in the world; and say Amen. May there be abundant peace from Heaven, and life, upon us and upon all Israel; and say, Amen.

## URCHATZ

**Wash Your Hands.** Wash your hands by pouring water on your right hand 3 times, then 3 times on your left hand, **but don't make a blessing!**



## KARPAS

### PARSLEY

**Look at your plate** and **see the green parsley.**

This is a **SIGN OF SPRING** when it is seen.

### SALT WATER

Near the Parsley is the **SALT WATER WHICH REPRESENTS THE TEARS OF SLAVERY** And the hard work with the Mortar.  
the Salt Water **ALSO REMINDS US OF THE RED SEA** that the Israelites crossed when they left Egypt.

Take a small piece of vegetable **parsley** and dip it in salt water to remember the many tears the Jews shed when they were slaves in Egypt.

***The Blessing we SAY:*** *Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the land.*



### **PARSLEY AND SALT WATER**

Ask everyone to take a piece / sprig of parsley.

Say: First dip your Parsley in the bowl of salt water, then take a bite.

As you pass around the parsley and bowl of saltwater, let the children dip the herbs in the water to taste the bitterness.

**Ask:**

How does it taste?

Say: The salty taste reminds the Jewish people of tears they cried in Egypt while they were slaves.

**Ask:**

Why do you think the Jews in Egypt were sad and cried?

The **parsley reminds us of the Hyssop** which applied the **Lamb's blood** to the door frames of the homes.

**DRINK THE FIRST CUP (OR SIP) IF YOU ARE USING ONE CUP PER FAMILY MEMBER.**

- I will bring you out of Egypt (Cup of BLESSING)

## YACHATZ

**Break the Matzah.** Take the middle Matzah from under the Seder plate and break it in two.

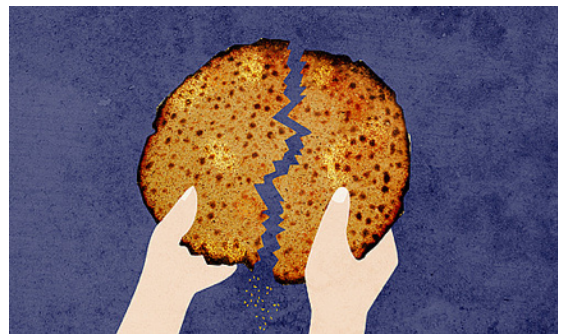
Watch carefully! The larger piece is called the Afikoman.



The AFIKOMAN is now hidden somewhere in your home.

The Children will search for it later on and one who finds it can ask for a gift!

The other piece is placed back with the other TWO Pieces on the table.



## MAGGID

### TELL THE STORY

Ask the Four Questions. Then read and relive the entire story of Passover!

After we finish telling the story we drink the #2 second cup of wine.



The YOUNGEST Child asks these Four Questions:

## Question #1 Why is this night different from all other nights?

### THE STORY OF PASSOVER

(You can ADD in the TEN PLAGUE STATIONS HERE) which will an interactive part for your children.

See Page 22-24 for the 10 Plagues)

Thousands of years ago in the land of Egypt, there was a leader who did not listen to God. The Pharaoh kept God's chosen people, the Israelites, as slaves. They were forced to work hard and were not allowed any freedom.

God chose a special man, Moses, to free his people from slavery. Pharaoh did not want to let the people go, so God sent plagues upon the people of the land--plagues like frogs that covered the land; and then there were the gnats and the flies. It was awful!

The final plague was this: God would visit every house and take the life of the first-born son. But God promised to protect all the Israelites who followed His instructions. They were to put the blood of a lamb on the doors of their houses. He promised to pass over those houses.

The Israelites were protected while all of the first-born sons in Egypt died that night—including Pharaoh's son. The Israelites were finally free from slavery! To remember this event, the Jews prepare a special dinner each year called the Passover Feast. They eat meat roasted quickly over a fire instead of boiled slowly in a pot. They make a special bread that doesn't need to rise with yeast. They dress for travel to show that they are ready to leave on short notice.

The Passover Feast is important because it symbolizes the night the Israelites trusted God's plan and were set free. And we, as Christians, believe that Jesus was the Final Passover Lamb.



## Question #2 Every other night we may eat leavened bread but why, on this night, do we eat unleavened bread?

**Leader** Now it is time for the **Matzah**.

Because the children of Israel were told to be ready to travel quickly on the night of the final plague, Matzah bread was made. It has no yeast in it, so the Israelites didn't need to wait for it to rise.

Please pass the matzah crackers to each person at the table.

this is the poorest and driest of breads.

### Matzah Crackers

Pass around the matzah crackers. Say: When God gave instructions for the first Passover meal, there wasn't time for the Jews to let their bread rise to get nice and fluffy. So at the Passover, we serve matzo—bread without yeast.

We have matzo here. Let's each break off a piece and eat it. Pause as children eat matzo and, if they wish, drink water.



### **Blessing 1:**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

### **Blessing 2:**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the eating of Matzah

## **Question #3 Why on all other nights do we eat any kind of herbs, but on this night only bitter herbs?**

**Leader** The **bitter herbs** are eaten to remind the Jews of the 430 years of hard work their ancestors experienced during their slavery in Egypt. The herbs are **dipped into saltwater**, reminding everyone how the Lord parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass through. Explain each element of the Passover meal. Explain how some of the food might taste different from what they normally eat. Encourage your children to be willing to try new things, and to remember that each part of the meal has special meaning.

## **MAROR**

**Bitter Herbs.** Take the bitter herbs and the Romaine lettuce which reminds us of the bitter times in Egypt, dip them into the Charoset and start chewing! These are a combination of two main foods: #1 **Romaine lettuce which eventually turns bitter and grated horseradish,**

### **Say this Blessing**

*Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the eating of Maror.*

### **HORSERADISH**

Pass around the bowl of horseradish.

Say: At a Passover meal the Jews also taste a bitter herb. We won't taste this one—just sniff it.

This is horseradish, and not everyone likes the taste.

Say: Bitter herbs remind the Jews of how bitterly they suffered while they were slaves in Egypt. They had very difficult lives.



### **CHAROSET**

Say: Here's another food served at Passover: Charoset. Allow children to sample the Charoset on a matzo cracker.

**Ask:**

What does it smell like?

What does it look like?

Say: **Charoset** looks like mushy cement. The Jews used mushy cement as mortar when they built brick buildings in Egypt. Charoset reminds them of the hard, hard work they did.



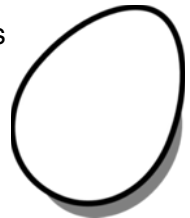
**Matzah Sandwich.** Matzah sandwich! Fill two pieces of Matzah with Maror and Romaine lettuce, make a special prayer and eat it.

Take the BOTTOM PIECE of MATZAH and BREAK it into TWO small pieces. Take some MAROR and put it inside then DIP it into the CHAROSET  
this symbolises **THREE IMPORTANT** elements of Passover: **THE PASSOVER; MATZAH AND MAROR**

### **Hard-Boiled Eggs**

**Say:** Eggs are a symbol of springtime and new life. Roasted eggs reminded the Jews that Passover comes in the spring, and of a special festival.

**Eat the Egg Dipped in Salt Water (The Egg from each of your plates)**  
**DO NOT EAT THE EGG FROM THE SEDER PLATE.**



### **Meaning of the Egg:**

#### **Egg With an Eye to the Future**

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And now the youngest child asks the last question.

## **Question #4 Why do we eat only roasted meat on this night?**

**Leader** Tonight our meat was prepared differently. Instead of being boiled slowly in a pot, it was roasted quickly over the fire. This is to remind us that the Israelites had to eat quickly and be ready to escape after the Angel of Death passed over their house.  
Please let each person have a taste of roasted meat.

### **The Lamb Bone**

As the bone is passed around, say:

At the Passover, lamb is served. It's a reminder that spreading lambs' blood on their doorposts kept the Jews safe in Egypt. God saved his people from the plague because he loves them!

Say: The Seder is a reminder of a mighty thing God did for his people. They were slaves and they couldn't escape. Their lives were hard. They cried. They had to make bricks and build huge buildings for Pharaoh. But then God set them free! God brought them to a Promised Land. But he gave them something even more precious than the new land—the **promise that a Saviour (Messiah) was coming!**

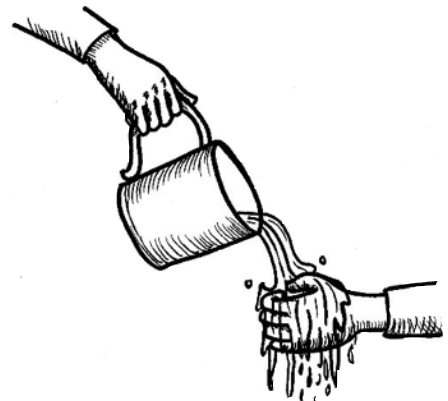
- **Cup of PLAGUES:** It **REMINDS US** that GOD said ***I will free you from slavery***

Everyone say together: Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.  
Lead the children in drinking the second cup of juice.

## LET'S DRINK OUR SECOND CUP OF JUICE TOGETHER.

### RACHTZA

**Wash Your Hands.** Wash your hands a second time, just like you did in the beginning – only this time , remember to say the blessing over washing your hands!



### SAY TOGETHER

*Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to wash our hands.*

*Give a BLESSING THANKING GOD for all our Good Gifts that He Blesses us with.*

### SHULCHAN ORECH

**The Meal.** Finally! We get to eat and enjoy a sumptuous festive meal. Remember to leave some room for the **Afikoman**.

### BERACH

#### Grace After Meals.

We thank God for the delicious meal, and

## DRINK THE THIRD CUP OF WINE.

## WHAT MEAL DO YOU EAT HERE?

**YOU EAT OFF THE SEDER PLATE AND YOUR OWN MEAL THAT YOU PREPARE**

## LET'S DRINK OUR THIRD CUP OF JUICE TOGETHER.

- This is the Cup of REDEMPTION: It **REMINDS US THAT GOD Promised: *I will save you by My Own Hand***

**Everyone say together:** Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.

Lead the children in drinking the third cup of juice.

## Coming to a Close

## TZAFUN

**Dessert.** Where's that piece of Matzah we hid all the way at the beginning of the Seder? Take out the Afikoman and start eating it.

**YOU CAN ALSO HAVE YOUR OWN DESERTS THAT YOUR FAMILY ENJOY.**

**HAVE YOUR CHILDREN SEARCH FOR THE AFIKOMAN WHICH WAS HIDDEN EARLIER.**

Have a prize for the child that finds it.

**CLOSE WITH THE FINAL BLESSING**

## LET'S LIFT OUR LAST CUP TOGETHER.

- Cup of PRAISE: *I will be your God*

Table Leader Let's lift our first cup of juice together.

**Everyone say together:** Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.

**Leader** The family then prays to the Lord to give Him their thanks for delivering them from Egypt many, many years ago.

**AFTER THE MEAL HAVE YOUR CHILDREN TURN TO PAGE 6 IN THEIR JOURNAL TO WRITE DOWN WHAT EACH PART OF THE MEAL REPRESENTED.**



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## CONNECTION





# HOW DOES THE PASSOVER FEAST, A JEWISH CELEBRATION, RELATE TO US AS CHRISTIANS?

## THE PASSOVER, JESUS, AND THE LAST SUPPER

What happened when Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples for the last time? (He broke the bread, they shared the cup, and he told them to do this in remembrance of him. He was telling them that he was sacrificing himself for them.

### BACKGROUND to Jesus and the Passover

The disciples found an upper room in a house for them to celebrate their Passover feast together. Jesus took a bowl and took off his tunic. He began to wash the disciples' feet. When He got to Peter, he refused to have Jesus wash him. Jesus explained that he could have no part of Him if He didn't. Then Peter responded, "Not just my feet, but my hands and head too!"

**(Washing the hands – bowl)**

**HAVE EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WASH EACH OTHERS FEET.**

Then they lit the candles. Jesus had stated in the past that He was the **Light of the World**.  
(Lighting the candles – candle)

Then Jesus and the disciples would have told the **Exodus story**.

The **highlights of the Exodus story**

includes Moses, Pharaoh, the plagues, and the Passover

(See how many Plagues you Children can remember and in the right order)

The Exodus tells of God's Redemption (Saving) of the Israelites

From Bondage as Slaves

God sent a Redeemer named Moses who was God's Person to bring them out of bondage and slavery.

The Cost involved in the Passover: A Lamb and the First born sons of Egyptians

As a result the Israelites were given their freedom

Now they would have eaten a meal.

There would have been a bag on the table with **three pieces of bread** in it.

(Take out 3 pieces of matzah bread. Place them on top of each other.)

The **bottom piece represented the Jews, or God's people**.

The **top piece represented God**.

The **middle piece represented the high priest**.

At this point of the meal, **Jesus would have taken the middle piece and broken it in half**. Half would go back into the bag with the other pieces, the other half would be **wrapped into a napkin and hidden in the room**.

(Break the middle piece and wrap half in the napkin. Have one of your children "hide" the piece of bread) If you only have one child, then let one of the parents hide the piece of bread. (You already did this with the SEDER MEAL)

It was during this time that Jesus told the group of men that one of them would betray Him. They asked, "Is it I?" They even asked John, who was sitting next to Jesus, to ask Him who would be the

betrayed. Jesus responded, "He who dips his bread with Me." Judas then asked, "Is it me?" And Jesus told him to go do what he needed to do quickly. So Judas left the group.

Remember, **this was the middle piece of bread representing The High Priest.**

The **High Priest** was **The Mediator between God and man.**

Jesus took the bread, broke it, and said, "Take. Eat. This is my body." The bread was hidden, just as Jesus' body would be hidden in the ground for three days. Then the bread was found, just as His body was raised to life.

**JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST AND MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.**

### **JESUS CALLS HIMSELF THE BREAD OF HEAVEN**

Throughout Jesus ministry He made the CONNECTION of Himself to the Bread of Heaven.

John 6:48-51

**"I am the bread of life.**

"Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

"This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

**"I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

Jesus said the bread represented His body, which He voluntarily gave to be beaten and to die as part of His complete sacrifice for us. He suffered that He might take our infirmities and bear our sicknesses (Matthew 8:16-17; Isaiah 53:3-5) as our Healer.

Bread is also associated with life, and **Jesus is the Bread that makes eternal life possible as we allow Him to live in us** (Galatians 2:20). And the fact that His followers all partake of this symbol of Him highlights the unity He wants us to have.

Cup #3 **The Cup of Redemption** (Show the third cup)

Jesus then picked up **the third cup**: the **Cup of Redemption** and said, "Take. Drink. This is **my blood of the new covenant.**"

The New Covenant ( New Testament) tells of Redemption (Saving / SALVATION)

Salvation from Bondage as Slaves to **SIN**

God sent Jesus as our **REDEEMER**

**The COST:** The **LAMB** of GOD the **ONLY SON** of GOD: **JESUS DYING ON THE CROSS**

Through Jesus DEATH He bought **ETERNAL LIFE to ALL WHO BELIEVE**

(To save themselves, the Israelites killed a lamb as a sacrifice.

For us, Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice to save us from our sin.)

Read Matthew 26:17-19 and 26-30

John the Baptist confirmed who that Saviour was. Read aloud John 1:29.

Jesus Christ is our Passover. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 5:7.

As Christians we, too, are God's chosen people. We are God's children. It is important for us to remember that Jesus was a Jew, and that he celebrated Passover with His family and friends. On the night before He was crucified, Jesus shared a Passover meal with the disciples.

They celebrated this Last Supper. In remembrance of this meal, we celebrate **Communion or the Lords Supper**

On the first Passover, the lamb was killed so that the people could be saved. Just as the lamb died at Passover, **Jesus (The Lamb of God) died to save us from our sins.**

The **GREAT PROMISE** God Gave to every household:

Exodus 12:13

“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt”

The New Living Translation say “But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. **When I see the blood, I will pass over you.** This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The blood saved them and set them free. God commanded His children to observe this ceremony every year to remember His salvation.

But it was more than historical. It **was prophetic.**

The New Testament connects Passover lamb and Jesus as the Lamb of God Jesus (1 Corinthians 5:7).

John the Baptist recognised Jesus as “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29),

Peter links the lamb without defect (Exodus 12:5) with Jesus, whom he calls a “lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:19).

Jesus is qualified to be called One “without blemish” because His life was **completely free from sin** (Hebrews 4:15).

John the sees Jesus as “a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain” (Revelation 5:6).

Jesus was crucified during the time that the Passover was observed (Mark 14:12).

Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples at the Last Supper, transforming the Passover symbols into the Lord’s Supper ceremony.

Just as the Passover lamb’s applied blood caused the “destroyer” to pass over each household, When Jesus Blood is applied to a person their sins are forgiven and there is no longer Spiritual Death. (Romans 6:23).

God allowed the last plague to pass over the houses of those who had been obedient to covering the doorposts with the blood of the lamb. The blood of the Passover lamb redeemed them.

The Bible says that the Lord Jesus is our Passover Lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, given as a sacrifice for our sins.

Passover is a picture of communion. Jesus invites us to partake of communion with Him.

What does it mean for us to take the bread and juice during communion?

If we are followers of Jesus and Love Him as our Saviour, THEN communion is a time for remembering that Jesus shed His precious blood for the sins of the world, but more importantly, He died so that each and every one of us might live in heaven with Him. The children of Israel put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts so that they would be passed over by death.

We are commanded by Jesus to partake of communion representing the blood and body of Christ.

The blood that the children of Israel used on the doorposts was symbolic of the blood that Jesus would shed on the cross hundreds of years later for the world. In a spiritual sense we apply the blood that He shed on the cross to our hearts and we receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

Death will pass over us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb. He has redeemed us.

# THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS

**PARENTS: WE WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS LATER IN THIS LESSON**

**PARENT:** One reason we celebrate the passover is to *remember how God helped his people by leading them out of slavery.* We remember that **God keeps His promises.**

Can you think of a time when God has kept a promise in your life? (Allow children to respond.)

**PARENT:** We also celebrate Passover because **Jesus did!**  
**We just spoke about it a few moments ago**

Remember, when Jesus joined his friends for one last Dinner before he died on the cross? That **“Last Supper” was during a Passover celebration.**

During dinner, Jesus first introduced what we call Communion to the disciples. ***He took bread, broke it and said “This is my body.” He took a cup of wine, lifted it and said, “This is my blood.”***

## ***Questions to ask your family***

What do you think the disciples thought when he said his body was the bread and his blood was the wine? (Allow the children to share responses.)

**PARENT:** The disciples might have been confused. No one ever said anything like that before. **With Jesus, this meal was given new meaning.** Bread and wine had new meaning, too.

**Jesus left us a picture by which to remember him.**

## **OBJECT: A FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM**

### **Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **Take out your family photo albums.**

As a Parent say: I love to look through my photo albums and remember all of the important people in my life and to think about all of the good times we have had.

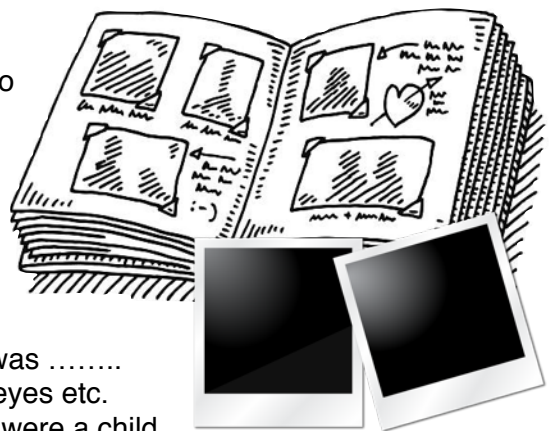
Let me share them with you as a family.

This first picture is a picture of my mother (your Grandmother) when she was a young woman. She was a beautiful woman and this picture helps me remember what she looked like when I was a little child.

This next picture is of my daddy (Your Grandpa) Daddy was .....  
(describe your Dad as a young man: Colour hair, colour eyes etc.

Share one or two of your fondest memories of when you were a child growing up with your parents.

Here is a picture of my grandmother (your GREAT GRANDMOTHER) as a young woman, and then another taken just a few years before she went to be with Jesus in heaven if this is the case.



These next pictures are pictures of my sisters. And this one...wow! What a beautiful baby. Can you guess who that is? It's me! Here are a couple of pictures when I was in about the 4th or 5th grade, the same age as some of you.

Looking at these pictures sure brings back a lot of wonderful memories.

**When Jesus went back to heaven to be with his Father, he left behind a picture for us to remember him by.**

It isn't a picture in an album that we can look at and remember what Jesus looked like, but it is a picture to help us remember what Jesus did for us. We call it **"The Lord's Supper." (Communion)**

## **TAKE COMMUNION WITH YOUR FAMILY**

Just before Jesus was crucified, he called his disciples together for a meal. He took a piece of bread and he told the disciples that the bread was to remind them of his body that would be hung on a cross for them. Then he took a glass of wine and told them that the wine was to be a reminder of his blood that would be shed for them on the cross. He told them that whenever they ate the bread and drank the wine, it was to remind them of what he had done for them. We still eat the bread and drink the wine today, and when we do, we do it to help us remember what Jesus has done for us.

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us this picture to remind us of what you did for us when you died on the cross. Help us to remember and be thankful.

The simple meal we call Passover is a reminder of God's amazing plans. It not only reminds us that God saved Israel from slavery in Egypt, the blood of the lamb reminds us of what Jesus would do for us on the cross. Jesus was the perfect lamb who died for our sins! God wants each of us to receive Jesus as our Saviour, and when we do, he has a plan for your life only he can fulfil.

Cup #4 **The Cup of Praise** (Show the forth cup)

The **fourth cup** may not have been drunk by Jesus.

He stated after the third cup that He would not drink of the fruit of the vine until in His Father's kingdom.

This cup is called the **Cup of Hallel**, which means **Cup of Praise**. Jesus may not have drunk from the cup, but He did **offer a prayer of praise** called The **Priestly Prayer** in John 17.

In this prayer He prayed for the disciples and He also prayed for us.

He knew his time had come....and He was thinking about you and me.

We can drink of this cup with PRAISE BECAUSE of what JESUS , the LAMB of GOD DID for us on the CROSS.





## QUESTIONS TO ASK AND PONDER AS A FAMILY

1. Share a story you've seen or heard about where someone was rescued.
2. What instructions did God give to the Israelites? What was the Passover about?
3. How is Jesus our Passover lamb?
4. Read Psalm 32:5. What do you think it means to confess your sins? Why is it important to admit we've made mistakes? What is God's response to us when we do?
5. How will you apply this TRUTH to your life this week?

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

**Choose one of the Creative ways to share this Bible verse with your Family.**

*Don't forget to Allow your Children to also have a go at teaching and sharing the Memory verse with your family. Bible Memory Verse*

1 John 1:7

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and **the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

### Contemporary Bible Version

But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other. And **the blood of his Son Jesus washes all our sins away.**

John 1:29b (KJV)

"Behold! **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin** of the world!"

## LOOK WHAT ELSE THE BLOOD OF JESUS DOES FOR YOU.



### RACE TO THE PLACE

Give each of your family members a Bible which remains closed **UNTIL** you call out the Bible verse. They then open their Bibles to **FIND** the Verse. The first one to find it and read it out loud wins that round.

To go to the next scripture, have all Bibles closed. Begin the process again until you have gone through all the Bible verses below.

Encourage your Children to write down these verses in their Kids Journals on a Blank Page with the Date and Lesson Subject as the heading.

**These Bible Verses are going to speak about WHAT THE BLOOD of JESUS DOES for us. You do not need to go to everyone of them. Choose 5 or 6 to have your children look up. You could spend a few different get togethers going through the rest of these Bible Verses.**

### My debt is paid, once and for all

"So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." (Hebrews 9:28)

**I am justified**

"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. " (Romans 5:9)

**I am forgiven and Reclaimed by God from the enemy**

"In Him we **have redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

**I am spared from God's wrath**

"Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. " (Romans 5:9)

This means it is JUST AS IF I HAD NEVER SINNED (Just -i -fied)

**I am being spiritually healed; and Physically Healed**

"...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed.**" (1 Peter 2:24)

**My judgment has been satisfied and I am at peace with God**

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

**I am cleansed**

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**" (1 John 1:7)

**I have the power to overcome the enemy**

"And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11)

**I am no longer under the curse of the law**

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")." (Galatians 3:13)

**I am no longer a stranger to the covenant of promise**

"...that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But **now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**" (Ephesians 2:12-13)

**The final act of public Atonement (AT ONE MENT) has been made on my behalf**

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.**" (Leviticus 17:11)

**I have been declared righteous**

"For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

**I have been justified (just as though I had never sinned)**

"being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed..." (Romans 3:24-25)

**I am able to come close to God**

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**" (Ephesians 2:13)

**I can participate in the sweet communion of remembrance of His sacrifice**

“Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “**This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood**, which is shed for you.” (Luke 22:20)

**My redemption will never perish**

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

**Jesus testifies on my behalf that I am clean**

“...and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood** and has made us kings[ and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5)

**I am protected from judgment**

“that you shall say, ‘It *is* **the Passover sacrifice** of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’” So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.” (Exodus 12:27)

**I can proclaim total victory**

“And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.” (Revelation 12:11)

**I can enter boldly into the holiest of holies...and live**

“Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19-22)

**Award a CERTIFICATE and a TREAT to the Winner today. (If one child is more advanced than the others, then be careful on how you reward.)**

Think of a way to make it fair and even.